

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Goniochromatic luster pigments, comprising:
at least one dielectric low-refractive interference-colored layer which ~~includes~~
comprises
a polar organic solvent which can interact with the layer material via hydroxyl
or amide groups.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): Goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in claim
1, ~~and~~ comprising:
at least one dielectric low-refractive interference-colored layer which ~~have~~ has been
subjected to a thermal treatment in ~~the~~ said polar organic solvent.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Luster~~ Goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in
claim 1, wherein the organic solvent is ethylene glycol.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Luster~~ Goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in
claim 1, which have additionally been treated with a silane.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Luster~~ Goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in
claim 4, which have been treated with a silane of the general formula I



~~where:~~ wherein

- R represents C₁-C₁₈-alkyl radicals which may be singly or multiply unsaturated and/or substituted by C₁-C₆-alkanoloxo, halogen, amino and/or saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₆-alkoxy which may contain an epoxy group, and each R is the same or different for a > 1;
- X is C₁-C₄-alkoxy and each X may be the same or different for b > 1;
- a is 1, 2 or 3;
- b is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the sum a + b = 4.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Luster~~ Goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in claim 4, which have additionally been treated with a silane of the general formula Ia



where:

- R' is vinyl or propyl which may be substituted in the terminal position by saturated or unsaturated C₂-C₄-alkoxy which may contain an epoxy group; and
- X' is methoxy or ethoxy.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in claim 1, which comprises heating the pigment particles in the organic solvent to a temperature $\geq 100^\circ\text{C}$.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): [[A]] The process for preparing goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in claim 4, which comprises adding the silane before, during and/or after the heating.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Coloring coatings, inks, printing inks, plastics, glasses, ceramic products ~~and~~ or decorative cosmetic preparations, comprising: the goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Coloring baking finishes ~~and~~ or powder coatings, comprising: the goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in claim 1.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The claims have been amended to correct minor informalities.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-10 will now be active in this application.